

## City of Langley

Council Meeting June 7, 2010

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman, Russell Sparkman and Fran Abel. Also present were Larry Cort, Director of Planning; Challis Stringer, Director of Public Works; Kathleen Landel, Special Assistant to the Mayor; and Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk. The flag salute was lead by Fran Abel.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2010
- b. Claims Warrants 26464-26469, 26526-26532, 26558, 26560-26587 in the amount of \$42,844.55
- c. Approval of funding for Chlorination change from gas to tablet in the amount of \$13,036.20.
- d. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion – Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neff. Motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Vicky Welfare, Librarian reported that the Summer Reading program begins June 24<sup>th</sup>. There are reading programs for kids, teens and adults.

Port of South Whidbey Commissioner Chris Jerome reported that Port will have its monthly meeting tomorrow. They will be receiving a Clean Marina Certificate. The Port office has been relocated to the lower floor of the China City Building in Freeland.

Sherry Jennings, Executive Director of the Langley Chamber reported that the Unequally Whidbey Trade Fair was last weekend, they had 19 booths; it was quiet, but a success. Flower baskets went up on the streets last week. There are 40 baskets in all. Public works will be watering them with help from the Chamber. Sponsors for the baskets are welcome. Island County Tourism Committee has hired a new coordinator. On KPLU radio, the City of Langley will be the highlighted community for the month of July. Choochokum is one month away and preparations are underway.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported that the Cemetery has five new benches made and donated by an eagle scout. New plants have been chosen for the arbor that are drought and deer tolerant. Rene attended an EDC meeting in Coupeville. Bob Waterman reported that the Historical Preservation Commission took pictures from city hall and placed them in the

post office and places in downtown along with some historical posters for historic preservation month. The Commission is still accepting applications for another vacancy on the commission. Russell Sparkman reported that the Economic Committee has some new members on board and are rearranging their meeting days and times.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Larry Cort reported that preliminary plat of Langley Passage is underway. It is a complicated review process, with two environmental appeals.

Debbie Mahler gave financial reports for April 2010 and answered questions from the City Council. Debbie also passed out graphs of major revenues and history.

Challis Stringer reported that the Public Works department received lab accreditation and are now doing water testing for the public. This will be an added revenue source for the city. We received a DOE award for outstanding achievement for the sewer treatment plant. Bob Waterman asked why several fire hydrants have been covered. Challis explained that they are broken and PW has had trouble finding valves. They should be fixed soon.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Russell Sparkman said the community garden is wonderful and hopes everyone will go out to Al Anderson Avenue and see it.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance 942 Amending Langley Municipal Code 2.52.050 and Ordinance Nos. 523, 738, 792, 855, 888, 898, and 936 regarding certain funds for the Langley Woodman Cemetery. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Waterman. Motion carried with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, an ordinance creating a parks and open space maintenance and enhancement fund and a land acquisition fund. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neff. Motion carried without opposition. Councilman Gilman has some trouble with a portion of the language in the ordinance and would like some small changes before the second reading/adoption.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Cathy Waymire-Rooks to the Parks and Open Space Commission. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Special Joint session with Planning Advisory Board.* Transfer of Development Rights – Robert Gilman gave a power-point presentation on transferable development rights. Skip Swenson of the Cascade Land Conservancy was present and along with Robert, answered questions from the Mayor, Planning Advisory Board members and City Council members. Discussion ensued for quite some time. The June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a time for the public to bring forth all comments and questions on the three presentations given by Robert Gilman on subarea planning, land use budgeting and transferable development rights.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Motion – Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk